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2a)⊠	This action is FINAL . 2b) This action is non-final.				
3)	Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is				
	closed in accordance with the practice under E	Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.	D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.		
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- 2. Claims 1-11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Deneroff et al. (U.S. Patent 6,115,278).

As to claims 1-2, Deneroff et al. discloses a memory module (10) comprising:

a printed circuit board (2) having a plurality of connector pins (6, column 5, lines 61-62);

a plurality of different types of memory devices (DRAM and/or DDR SDRAM's-3) mounted on said printed circuit board (10); (noted: the SDRAM's-3 are used in pairs of 64, 128, and 256 Mbits to have configurations from 128Mbytes-1Gbytes) and

an electrical circuit (traces or components mounted on the PCB 2) coupling said plurality of memory devices (3) to said plurality of connector pins (6) such that said plurality of connector pins (6) has multiple functionality based on a respective architecture of each of said plurality of different types of memory devices (3).

As to claim 3, Deneroff et al. discloses said plurality of connector pins (6) engages with a memory socket (20), said memory socket communicating with a memory controller.

As to claim 4, Deneroff discloses said memory controller (20) includes: a plurality controllers, each controller corresponding to an architecture of one the plurality of different types of the memory devices (3); an Finite State Machine (FSM) coupled to said plurality of controllers; an address multiplexor coupled to said FSM, said address multiplexor communicating with said memory socket; a control multiplexor coupled to said FSM, said control multiplexor communicating with said memory socket; and a data multiplexor coupled to said FSM, said data multiplexor communicating with said memory socket (12).

As to claim 5, Deneroff et al. further comprising: a second electrical circuit (components mounted on and near the SDRAM 3), said second electrical circuit coupled to said plurality of memory devices; and a plurality of testing pins (some of the pins from pins 6) coupled to said second electrical circuit.

As to claim 6, Deneroff et al. inherently discloses second electrical circuit supports a JTAG configuration.

As to claim 7, Deneroff et al. discloses said plurality of connector pins (6) includes 220 pins (column 7, line 50).

As to claims 8-9, Deneroff et al. discloses a computer comprising: a main board (motherboard 16); and a memory module (4) coupled to said main board (16), said memory module including: a printed circuit board (2) hiving a plurality of connector pins (6); and a plurality of different types of memory devices, which is a DRAM and/or DDR SDRAM (3) mounted on said printed circuit board, an electrical circuitry (components) electrically coupling said plurality of memory devices to said plurality of connector pins

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such that said plurality of connector pins has multiple functionality based on the architecture of said plurality of memory devices (3).

As to method claims 10-11, one would necessarily perform the cited method steps in using the apparatus rejected above.

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-11 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues:

Deneroff fail to disclose "a plurality of different types of memory chips"

Examiner disagrees because as disclosed in Deneroff that discloses the memory components have been used as SDRAM or DDR-SDRAM and providing in different speeds, see column 2, lines 43-47, column 5, lines 43-49.

Conclusion

4. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the

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shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tuan T. Dinh whose telephone number is 571-272-1929. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Reichard Dean can be reached on 571-272-1984. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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